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NEWS OF THE STATE CAPITAL

Bursum May Be Next Republican Nominee for Governor. Senate Journal Matter Forced into Courts.

Santa Fe, N. M., Aug. 13.—A recent appeal to the tax commission from San Juan county throws some light on the reasons for the long sejour of certain corporate interests representatives with the late legislature. It appears from the arguments presented by the railroad attorney fighting the assessor's valuations that the law passed by the last legislature, and known as the "Hawkins" law, provides that in assessing coal lands the assessors mis-assessing coal lands must take into consideration the transportation facilities and other things, and this attorney contends that the land is now valuable only for grazing purposes. The general tax payers of his state may sooner or later awaken to the fact that when they elect republicans to the legislature they have no representation, because a few bosses control the party and camp with the legislature for the purpose of directing the legislation—and they do it, too. The result is that the people get nothing but the worst of it.

In view of the methods used in getting some of the state laws on the statute books it is not very surprising that there is a shortage of one hundred or more millions of dollars in the taxable values of the state and that the ordinary tax payers of the state are expected to make it up, because the corporate interests, represented at Santa Fe by Spiess, Springer, et als., have been raised all they can be raised under the law, and the one hundred or more millions must be raised.

Republican leaders outside of two or three of the northern counties of the state, are all for Bursum for governor at the next state election, and it is now generally recognized that the Socorro county man can have the nomination if he wants it. It is generally believed that this move for Bursum is for the purpose of heading off the rapidly organizing movement for either Secundino Romero or Eufrazio F. Gallegos of Mora county, who were being put forward by the leaders of the native son movement. Bursum is so busy getting rich under a Democratic tariff on wool that he has not had time recently to talk politics, and no one knows what he will do. It takes lots of a man's time when wool is around 25 cents a pound, and they say Bursum is tearing around his range with a razor and having his sheep. He must take advantage of his opportunity because at the next election he is going to try and burst things up and give the market control of wool back to the Boston wool buyers through that nice old republican tariff.

The falsification of the senate journal refuses to down. It is now understood that some very strong people are at work on a plan to force the matter into the courts, and they expect to be able to convince the courts and the people that the violations of the constitution were both gross and flagrant. There are a number of republican politicians who will be far away from the jurisdiction of the particular court having a process served out after witnesses in that case.

One of the features of the tax situation not generally discussed, is the possible effect on the salaries of the county officials. If they share with the state officials the shortage will probably be more than 25 per cent for the next fiscal year, but it may be that the provisions of the law authorizing the issuance of certificates of indebtedness will be held to apply as to them, in which case the taxpayers will be stung again, as those certificates will bear interest. Some of the counties have been forced to issue these certificates because the present salaries are running more than the former fees, and the funds for the paying of these officials were made up of fees, and have been exhausted. Counties not having available reserves have been forced to the certificates.

It is not believed that Governor McDonald favors a special session of the legislature under any circumstances short of the greatest necessity, and it is not likely that he will consider a shortage of funds by officials any very great necessity to the people. He vetoed the salary bill, and nearly all the other bills which have jointly caused the financial trouble facing the taxpayers of this state. All attempts to interview the governor concerning the probability of an extra session have resulted in complete failure, so far as any real information goes.

The Origin of "Dixie"

Like many other familiar songs cherished by Southern people, "Dixie" was written in the North. It is conceded on all hands that "Dixie" is the most popular of the songs of the South, if not of the Nation. It was not a product of the war; but a peculiar and fortuitous circumstance led to its adoption by the Confederate army in 1861, and it soon carried the people into a state of impassioned emotion, and today its popularity is so great that in reality it has become one of the songs of the Union. President Lincoln had a great admiration for its tune, possibly because he heard it sung to Republican words in the never-to-be-forgotten campaign of 1860. After the surrender at Appomattox he requested the band play "Dixie," pleasantly remarking that "as we have captured the Confederate army we have also captured the Confederate tune, and both belong to us." There has been considerable dispute over the authorship of "Dixie." It is a fact not widely known that Daniel D. Emmett, the minstrel, was the author of the piece. Mr. Emmett made his own verse and sang them to some popular tune. He traveled all over the United States and was the favorite minstrel wherever he went. His understanding of the negro dialect was perfect, as was likewise his rendering, "Dixie Land," which is really the proper name of the song written by Emmett in 1859 while he was a member of the celebrated "Bryant's Minstrels." His engagement with them was to the effect that he should hold himself in readiness to compose for them a new "walk around" whenever called upon to do so, and to sing the same at the close of the performance. One Saturday night after a performance Jerry Bryant asked Emmett to make a "hooray" and bring it to the rehearsal Monday morning. He composed the "walk around" the next day, Sunday, and took it to rehearsal Monday morning, music and words complete. The tune and words of "Dixie" as now sung are Mr. Emmett's exactly as he then wrote them. The first verse and chorus follow:

"I wish I was in de land ob cotton,
Old times dar am not forgotten;
Look away, look away, look away,
Dixie Land.
In Dixie Land whar I was born in,
early on one frosty mornin',
Look away, look away, look away,
Dixie Land.

CHORUS

"Den I wish I was in Dixie, hooray;
hooray!
In Dixie Land I took my stand, to
lib and die in Dixie.
Away, away, away down south in
Dixie!
Away, away, away down south in
Dixie!"

Methodist Notes, Sunday, Aug. 15th

9:45 a. m., Sunday School.
10:45 a. m., Morning Worship and sermon by the Pastor, Subject: "Are We Awake?"
3:00 p. m., Preaching at Georgia Schoolhouse.
Mid-week service for Bible-study Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.
Preaching service at Sampson on Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock.
Preaching service at Grandview, Sunday afternoon, August 29th, at 3:00 o'clock.

RAY SPOTTS DUM, Minister.

Attorney C. L. Collins attended to legal business at Des Moines Thursday and Friday.

KANSAS PICNIC

The biggest picnic of the year will be given by the Kansas Picnic Association on Saturday, August 21, in the grove just north of the Big Spring, north side of Mesa on the mountain road. This is the third annual jollification of the people from Kansas who are so tickled to think they are now residents of New Mexico that they celebrate every year. They want everybody from everywhere to come and help them celebrate. You will be heartily welcomed. There will be races, sports and ball game, and inspiring music by Clayton band. Attorney Joseph Gill and Rev. Ray Spotts Dumm will make short talks. Band boys will give dance at night. Also a good, snappy program with plenty of music. Refreshment stand and amusement attractions will add comfort and jollity. Bring dinner baskets.

I. E. RUNYAN, President Kansas Picnic Association.

MORE TROOPS FOR TEXAS LINE

U. S. Soldiers Rushed to Border to Handle Serious Situation. Bandit Army Threatens Outbreak.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 12.—Action by the federal government in response to the appeal to President Wilson made by Governor Ferguson of Texas who asked for an increase of troops in the lower Rio Grande valley, was awaited today by officials who so far have not been successful in combating the depredations of bands of ranch raiders who in the last several days have caused the deaths of nearly a score of persons in these sections. Governor Ferguson, in his appeal, declared the situation was perilous and grave and was doubtful of the ability of the state forces and local officers to longer control the situation.

Citizens of Brownsville and other border cities did not agree that the troubles were due to political feuds in this section. Considerable evidence seemed to be brought forward that the raiders were organized into several bands working under the plan of San Diego, a movement started a year ago at San Diego, Texas, where resolutions were passed declaring for wresting from the U. S. a strip of territory along the border to be added to Mexico.

While the situation was expected to be partly relieved with the arrival in this section of the third battalion, ninth infantry, sent from Laredo yesterday, expressions of officials generally were that it would require more soldiers to suppress the movement.

The zone of the operations of the raiders was widened to a large extent in the last 24 hours, although few additional reports of the depredations are reported here. The latest meeting of the raiders with troops was reported from Catherine, eighty miles north of Brownsville, where a band of thirty or more attempted a daring raid on the one store of the town. They were frustrated in the attempt by a dozen United States soldiers stationed in the store, who fired upon the bandits, injuring two, it was believed. No reports came of further killing since that of Monday when ten persons were shot and killed.

Confirmation was lacking early today of reports that soldiers in considerable numbers were crossing the border from Mexico to join the alleged revolutionary movement, although Governor Ferguson in his appeal to the President declared that "any unusual occurrence now would cause a disastrous invasion of Texas from Mexico." That a "reign of terror" existed on the border was the declaration of the governor.

Don Matias Casados, member of the board of county commissioners, attended to business in the county seat several days this week.

Carson's new feed and sale yard near the Big Jo Lumber Co. yard is almost completed and will be ready for occupancy in a few days. Dick knows how to run the business, and invites all his friends to look him up when in the city.

News job printing is fine—try it.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Moore and son, returned last Saturday from a thirty days vacation in Kansas and Missouri. Mr. Moore, one of the popular clerks in the local land office, was recently appointed examiner for the U. S. Civil Service Commission, and will hereafter conduct all examinations in this district.

C. Sampson of near Bertrand, Oklahoma, was a trader and business visitor in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

A "pied" form, the printers greatest dilemma, happened in this shop publication day. Troubles never come singly.

Predicts Long War

New York, Aug. 12.—William E. Cory, ex-president of the United States Steel corporation, who got back from Europe today on the liner Espagne, believes that the war will last three to four years more. "The allies are going to fight to a finish," said Mr. Cory. "They are now preparing for a war of at least three years further duration. This is a war of chemistry and mechanics. The allies will make every effort to keep the friendship of America, and if it continues as long as I expect it to, the allied countries will have to float war loans in America. As for the United States, the only way of keeping ourselves out of trouble is to maintain an army and navy the equal of any in Europe. It would take us two years to get in shape to fight a European power."

About the Bout Monday Night

Monday night, August 16th, will be staged one of the best boxing contests ever seen in Clay. After much delay in trying to find a suitable opponent for Curley Smith, the Oklahoma whirlwind, the promoters here received a telegram from Fred Schumaker, the El Paso fight promoter, stating that he would be glad to match his man, Kid Traver, against any man his weight in the country. The boxers' managers got together and articles were signed. The bout will be staged in Clayton on the night of Monday, August 16th, at the Dixie Theatre.

Curly Smith has a clean record and has never met defeat, and Kid Traver has a fine record to his credit. This should be the best boxing bout of the season, as both men will be in the best possible shape.

New Game Law

Santa Fe, Aug. 11.—In an effort to inform the people of the state as to the requirements of the new game law, the State Game Warden, Trinidad C. de Baca, has been busy for several weeks compiling the state game law and now has the compilation in press. As soon as the printer does his part it will be ready for distribution, and those interested can secure a copy by applying for it. The game warden has used much time in trying to warn the people of the provisions of the new law, particularly as to the sections requiring a license for carrying a gun except when traveling, or, rather, making the carrying of a gun prima facie evidence of being hunting, which amounts to the same thing. The friends of the game warden say he is very much disgusted with the new law as it finally passed the legislature, but he can do nothing but enforce it.

G. W. Sparks of near Barney, attended to business in the city Thursday and Friday.

Attorney A. Jas. McDonald attended to legal business at Tucumcari Tuesday and Wednesday.

Glenn Kost of near Patterson, was a business visitor and trader in the city today.

Attorney L. S. Wilson of Raton, was a business visitor in Clayton Wednesday.

Lorian Boggs, News foreman and linotype compositor, who has been suffering the past month with typhoid fever, is able to be up and around. "Back on the job" is our daily prayer.

REVIEWS THE PARTY RECORD

Governor Major of Missouri, Says Democratic Record Is Excellent, and Country Prosperous.

"The Democratic party in the state and nation can confidently submit its fortunes to the people on the records made. Never before in the history of the Republic has there been such an unanimous endorsement of a President and his administration, in his policies at home and abroad, as has been given President Wilson.

"If he renders no service other than to conduct the ship of state safely into the harbor of peace, he will have rendered a service to the American people which no sextant can measure, and for which the present and future generations ever will bless him. In his grasp of human affairs he has been able to grasp and meet every situation.

"If Mr. Wilson rendered no service other than bringing about the enactment of the new currency law, making panics practically impossible, and breaking the grip of the so-called 'money trust' on the finances of the country, and producing an elastic currency to meet every situation, he will have given us a piece of progressive and constructive legislation the equal of which has not been measured in an half century. Aside from this, he has brought about the enactment of the Underwood tariff bill, trust legislation, and many other pieces of constructive enactments which add lustre to his administration.

"It must be conceded that the United States today, by reason of our policies, is the polar star among the nations, and that President Wilson is the one colossal figure in international life, and the one central figure in the destinies of today.

"World-wide conditions, by reason of the wars now in progress, have made finances hard in every country. The crucial period with us, however, long since has passed, leaving the United States in the forefront in its commercial and financial achievements. Increased commerce and activities in every line sing the song of a new prosperity."—St. Louis Republic.

Home Magazine For You

On September 1, the Raton Publishing Co. will issue the initial number of the Southwest Ranchman, a monthly journal devoted to the farming and live stock interests of New Mexico. The publishing company dedicates the magazine to the promotion of these interests which are fundamental in New Mexico. The magazine management is inviting the co-operation of the various publications of the state in gathering news material of value to the reading public.

Don Jose Manuel Gonzales of the Bueyeros country, spent several days in the county seat this week looking after business and visiting relatives.

Don Salome Garcia, chairman of the board of county commissioners, attended to business in the city Friday and Saturday.

Hon. Scrapio Miera and Mrs. Miera of near Beenham, brought their little daughter, who was threatened with an attack of pneumonia, to the city this week for medical attention. At this time the little girl is much better, and considered on the way to recovery.

Geo. T. Hyde of near Beenham, was here several days this week looking after business and trading. While here Mr. Hyde called and had his name added to our subscription list.

Time, the great essential, prevents us this week from publishing several articles. When one has a wife sick abed, and a foreman sick abed, and it is absolutely necessary that the bacon buying business of "P. H. L'td." go on, one hasn't much time in which to manipulate a linotype or feed a press. That is the second we have set that article, cause and effect being a pied form. It never rains but what it pours.